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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service

Director, Geological Survey

Director, Minerals Management Service

Director, National Park Service

Director, Bureau of Land Management Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management

Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance {Lead}

Subject: Review of Proposed Rule to Implement Changes in the Third Extension of the

Treaty on Fisheries between Governments of certain Pacific Island States and the

Government of the USA; South Pacific Tuna Fisheries

(ER 06/794)(Agency due date: October 10, 2006)

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) proposes to revise regulations implementing the South Pacific Tune Act of 1988, as amended, to reflect the changes agreed to in the Third Extension of the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America and its annexes, schedules, and implementing agreements, as amended, and has published the proposed rule in the <u>Federal</u> <u>Register</u> dated **August 10, 2006**. You may access the notice on the Internet at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont06.html.

Would you please have your appropriate field-level office review the rulemaking from its particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide its comments directly to this office by **September 27, 2006**.

This Office will prepare Department's comments for signature by Director, OEPC, by **October 3, 2006**. Please supply all signed, paper comments and comments on disk or by electronic mail to this office.

/s/8/11/06 Vijai N. Rai

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